Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—"This Council recommends to the Government to put up such masonry works as will prevent the flow of storm water into public bathing tanks as also the washing into them of dirt and dry leaves during the rainy season."

That is all that I have to say and I move the resolution.

Deputy President.—No seconder. The resolution goes.

The resolution was lost for want of a seconder.

36. Typists and Typewriters in the State.

As the mover was absent, the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—" For the better upkeep of the costly typewriters, the services of better qualified typists are essential, this Council do recommend to the Government that in future only men of Intermediate or Higher Grade qualifications should be appointed as typists in the State carrying a pay of Rs. 40 and above, if such men are available.

37. Power to scrutinise the Budget, etc.

Deputy President.—Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—'This Council recommends to the Government that the non-official Members of the Standing Finance Committee be invested with the powers of scrutinising the detailed expenditure of votable funds in the budget or to appoint a new Public Accounts Committee composed of a majority of non-official Members of this House for scrutiny of the expenditure of the budgetted accounts.'

There was an identical resolution moved in this Council in the Legislative Session of 1104. Most of the arguments in support of the resolution has now been already placed before this House, when moving the resolution for the appointment of Standing Committees to be associated with the administration of the major spending departments of the Government. This is only the final aspect of that proposition. Once the expenditure has been sanctioned in the budget, this Council must be given the right to inspect and see whether the expenditure was properly iucurred and whether there was any deviation or transfer without the knowledge of the Council. Should not the Council know how the money has been spent? It is to carry out that object that this resolution is tabled. Last time the main objection of the Government seems to have been that, though there were Public Accounts Committees in the Provincial Councils of British India and the Imperial Legislative Assembly, there were no such committees in the various Indian States and the Government was waiting to see the sister States advance in this matter. The Government ignored the existence of such committees in Mysore. Of course they also point out our Council Regulation does not contemplate the appointment of such committees. For that matter, so far as the Finance Committee is concerned there is no provision in the Regulation. Still a Finance Committee is appointed. Government has got power and they can

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